

# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor Joe Wardy,  
and City Representatives

**FROM:** Irene Ramirez, P.E. *IR*  
Interim City Engineer

**DATE:** March 25, 2004

**SUBJECT:** City Council Agenda

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**COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** April 13, 2004

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The following item has been reviewed, and we recommend approval.

**ORDINANCE:**      **DISTRICT #8 Representative Anthony Cobos**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.200 (SCHEDULE XVII- RESTRICTIONS ON PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS), OF THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADD ZONE H: NO PARKING ANYTIME, ON OCHOA STREET, SEVENTY FEET SOUTH OF THE CURBLINE AT FATHER RAHM AVENUE TO ONE HUNDRED FORTY FEET SOUTH OF THE CURBLINE AT FATHER RAHM, WEST SIDE ONLY. THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.84.010 (VIOLATION-PENALTY) OF THE EL PASO MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**EXPLANATION:**

La Fe Clinic patients and employees are currently occupying all available spaces within the 700 block of Ochoa. Residential parking permits have been requested by two residents who currently reside at this block.

If you have any questions on this item please call Ted Marquez at 541-4035.

**Cc:** Laura Uribarri, Executive Assistant  
Adrian Ocequeda, Executive Assistant  
Jim Martinez, Interim C.A.O.  
Liz Elizondo, City Attorney  
Raymond L. Telles, Assistant City Attorney  
Edward Drusina, Deputy C.A.O. of Municipal Services  
Patricia Aduato, Deputy C.A.O. Building and Planning Services  
Daryl Cole, Street Dept. Deputy Director  
Engineering Div. Chiefs

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.200 (Schedule XVII, Restrictions on parking in residential districts), of the El Paso Municipal Code shall be and hereby is amended to add a new subparagraph as follows:

**ZONE H: No parking any time.**

**Ochoa Street, seventy (70) feet south of the curbline at Father Rahm Avenue to one hundred forty feet (140) south of the curbline at Father Rahm Avenue, west side only.**

2. Except as expressly herein amended, Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.200 (Schedule XVII, Restrictions on parking in residential districts), of the El Paso Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2004.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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Joe Wardy, Mayor

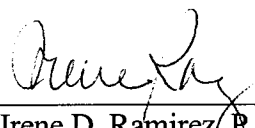
ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Raymond L. Telles  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Irene D. Ramirez, P.E.  
City Engineer

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# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC DIVISION

March 8, 2004

**TO:** Ted Marquez, P.E. Traffic Engineering Manager  
**FROM:** Arturo Rojas, T.C.P.S.  
**SUBJECT:** Residential Parking Permit District Study

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At the request of two residents residing at 707 and 709 S. Ochoa Street, a residential parking permit district study for the 700 block of Ochoa Street, was made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March. License plate numbers for vehicles parked on the west side of Ochoa St. between Fr. Rahm Ave. and Sixth Ave. were recorded every hour between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. An observation study of the area was also made to determine if off street parking is available.

One of the two applicants, Mr. Jaramillo, was parked at or near his home at 709 S. Ochoa St. every hour surveyed. The other applicant Mrs. Rodriguez, who resides at 707 S. Ochoa St. gave us four license plate numbers of the vehicles she says are frequent visitors, but only one of those vehicles was parked within the surveyed site during the study. This was the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and the vehicle license plate number is W71-WNM. Overall there were four all day parkers at the surveyed site, one of which was Mr. Jaramillo. Out of the possible ten spaces available at the surveyed site, eight were the most spaces occupied two hours of the total surveyed time.

Mr. Jaramillo has access to an existing driveway at 709 S. Ochoa St. in front of his property that he sectioned out by painting both sides yellow to prevent motorists from parking in front of his residence. However, this entrance lacks the proper depth and does not accommodate a vehicle. Mr. Jaramillo has probably been cited for parking his vehicle on the sidewalk. Mrs. Rodriguez has a gated entrance with a carport behind her residence that is accessible from the alley. This entrance is large enough for one vehicle, but with minor modifications can be made to accommodate parking for two or more vehicles.

The city's policy on this restriction clearly stipulates that the purpose of this ordinance is to protect residents adjacent to commercial, industrial, and education districts from unreasonable burdens in gaining access to their residences. I believe the Wellness Center does not fall under any of those categories and their customers are not driving or parking commercial vehicles in the residential area. As the study indicates, the majority of those parking on the site are not all day parkers. The ordinance also stipulates that the amount of parking being used by vehicle operators with destinations to commercial, industrial, and educational use districts must be measured. The Wellness Center is not considered commercial, educational, or industrial; we have to assume that the vehicles parking in this area are qualified to park in a residential area. These vehicles are not adversely polluting or increasing the maintenance of the street and will not affect the value of the properties adjacent to the street.

The spirit of the ordinance in my opinion is to secure parking originally meant for the community, neighborhood, or residential block, not one or two homes. I do not think that the applicants' petition for reserved parking in front of their homes complies with stipulations delineated in ordinance 12.44.280 "Restrictions on parking in residential districts in which commercial and industrial uses are not permitted".

In talking to Mrs. Rodriguez I realize that she feels that the City of El Paso should in some way provide a solution to her problem. She is an elderly person who has difficulty walking and requires assistance to access a vehicle. We are asking for your advice in determining some other assistance we can provide for Mrs. Rodriguez.



## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT DISTRICT PETITION

In accordance with City of El Paso ordinance 12.44.280  
"Restriction on parking in residential districts in which  
commercial and industrial uses are not permitted".

We the residents of block(s) 700 SOUTH subdivision OCHOA ST. SOUTH -  
(Example: #15, #16,...) (Example: Pebble

SIDE request that the City of El Paso conduct a study  
(Hills Subdvn.)

in the area where homes are fronting the following streets:

S. OCHOA ST. BETWEEN FATHER RAHM & SIXTH ST. to determine if our  
(Example: Rock Ave. bet. Rubin St. & John St.)

neighborhood qualifies for said restriction.

We certify that 100% of the residents within the proposed  
district endorse the formation of a RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT  
DISTRICT and understand the policies and procedures we must  
abide by under the restriction.

Please return your petition to the Engineering Department Traffic Division on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.

ADDRESS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	PHONE#
①	ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ	Ernesto V. Rodriguez	
	SOCORRO RODRIGUEZ	Socorro A. Rodriguez	
②	LUIS JARAMILLO	Luis Jaramillo	
LIC. PLATE #			
① W71 WNM PQDPH			
② W63 WNK NYXD68			
PH 2:0 XK			

DATE : 2-27-04  
TO : Arturo Rojas, Keith Bennett  
FROM : George Acosta  
RE : Neighborhood Parking Study (Ochoa & Sixth)

Addresses located on block are 707, 709 and 721 Ochoa (721 Ochoa is a Wellness Center). I could not locate an address on the corner property.

707 Ochoa has PLENTY of room for a carport on the back of the house by the alley. I was not able to verify if 709 Ochoa had enough room but it does have a carport gate.

Below is the neighborhood parking study, 8-12 times were done on Fri. Feb. 27, 2004, 1-5pm times were done on Monday Feb. 23, 2004.

One area to note is that the corner property (address unknown) was demolished by 2-27-04.

**8-9am Description(Done 2-27-04)**

PHZ-DXK	White Nova
C13-GWM	Green Mustang
B44-PRC	Black Accord
<del>XRP-065</del>	Thunderbird

**9-10am Description(Done 2-27-04)**

PHZ-DXK	(SAA)
C13-GWM	(SAA)
B44-PRC	(SAA)
778-SDB-4 (MEX.)	Brown Buick

**10-11am Description(Done 2-27-04)**

PHZ-DXK	(SAA)
C13-GWM	(SAA)
B44-PRC	(SAA)
X57-GRV	Blue Acura
T23-PKB	Blue Geo
J93-LWZ	Brown Monte Carlo

**11-12pm Description(Done 2-27-04)**

PHZ-DXK	(SAA)
C13-GWM	(SAA)
B44-PRC	(SAA)

WZY-WND	Black Mustang
J97-BBW	Red Century
W07-RRV	Beige Oldsmobile

### 12-1pm


### Description(Done 2-27-04)

PHZ-DXK	(SAA)
C13-GWM	(SAA)
B44-PRC	(SAA)
WZY-WND	(SAA)
H96-MCR	White Chevy




### 1-2pm

### Description(Done 2-23-04)

	White Isuzu
T82-PHJ	Blue Ford
PHZDXK	White Nova (Owner's 709)
T14-VKJ	Red Grand Am
<del>XRP-06S</del>	White T-Bird
C13-GWM	Green Mustang
V22-HHT	Light Green Grand Am
HGI-WTN	Red Sunbird

### 2-3pm

### Description (Done 2-23-04)

<del>T73-GXK</del>	(SAA)
T82-PHJ	(SAA)
PHZ-DXK	(SAA)
	(SAA)
C13-GWM	(SAA)
V22-HHT	(SAA)

### 3-4 pm

### Description(Done 2-23-04)

T73-GXK *	(SAA)
T82-PHJ	(SAA)
PHZ-DXK	(SAA)
<del>XRP-06S</del>	(SAA)
C13-GWM	(SAA)
V22-HHT	(SAA)
W71-WNM	Silver Saturn
T82-JSW	Silver Impala

S50-ZUN

Red Ford Focus

**4-5pm**

**Description (Done 2-23-04)**

T73-GXK

(SAA)

T82-PHJ

(SAA)

PHZ-DXK

(SAA)

~~XRP-06S~~

(SAA)

C13-GWM

(SAA)

V22-HHT

(SAA)

W71-WNM

(SAA)



